

**MINUTES OF THE FRANKLIN SELECTBOARD  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013 @ 7:00  
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**

**Members Present:** Peter Magnant, Yvon Dandurand, Andrew Godin, Kyle Lothian, and Lisa Larivee-Town Clerk

**Guests:** Jim Harrison, Heath Wright, Wayne Fiske, Sheriff Robert Norris, Justin Rainville

Peter Magnant called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of allegiance was said.

**Public Comments:** None heard

**Sand Shed:** Yvon welcomed Mr. Harrison and Mr. Wright to discuss the sand shed concrete and excavation. They had visited the site before the meeting. Jim's concern is the water at the sight from runoff and the ground; need to be sure to take care of the water with proper drainage to remove from surrounding area. Wayne believes there is drainage tile and stone under the current sand pile. Jim suggests back filling the concrete edges with 3-4 feet of product to keep the frost out as the structure will be built like a bunker on the ground with piers and open at one end. Heath will take a look at the drainage plans to put together a bid for the ground work and drains. Heath and Jim were thanked and exited the meeting.

**Sheriff coverage:** Sheriff Norris was welcomed to the meeting. Pete discussed the needs of the town for patrol. Voter concerns at town meeting were that the campers would not be targeted. Mr. Norris is looking for guidance with problem areas. Kyle advised around the lake on weekends, especially at the north end beach area during the summer with speeding; also Browns Corner Road with speeding and stopping at the Durkee/Barnum Rd intersection. Main Street speeding and Scott/Middle Road not stopping at intersection. Mr. Norris advised the ordinances look good, should also adopt the sections of Rte. 120 (state highway) into our ordinances for problem areas of Main St and North end beach so the town will get the ticket kick-backs. Will get 10 days of 8 hours coverage from Memorial Day to Labor Day; Mr. Norris will put together a schedule of when they will patrol Franklin and fax to the Clerk's office. The board needs to designate a contact person from the board. The contract was given to the board for review and signatures. Pete asked about dog issues and having the Sheriff for back-up; Mr. Norris advised to call him and he would be happy to give support. Wayne Fiske asked about farmers' liability with farm equipment on the roads. He puts out caution signs and has lights on the tractors. Mr. Norris advised that if taking due diligence for safety should not have any worries. Mr. Norris was thanked and exited the meeting.

Contract reviewed by board; Pete/Kyle made a motion to sign the contract for 10 days at 8 hour per day for a cost of \$3500. More hours must be approved by board. Kyle will be the contact with Sheriff Norris. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

**Franklin Fire Dept.:** Justin Rainville presented the application for a PACIF Safety Equipment Grant with VLCT from the Fire Dept. for safety gear in the amount of \$8899. The board had previously approved the fire department applying for the grant; needs to be signed by Selectboard; Pete signed.

**Minutes:** March 12 regular meeting, March 16 highway garage, March 25 with VTrans. Yvon/Andrew made a motion to approve all minutes as read. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

**Review and sign bills:** Board members reviewed and signed bills.

**Overweight permits:** Kyle reviewed and signed the overweight permits.

**Town Clerk Concerns:**

- David Rood was not present at the meeting. Lisa gave brief information of the conversation with Mr. Rood regarding his concern of the foreclosures and empty houses on Main St. He suggests that the board look at resources for incentives to get people to purchase these homes and do updates to the structures to maintain Main Street's vitality.
- Wasps in the library have become a concern. Pete has spoken with a gentleman about exterminating them. He will come when the weather warms up a bit and take care of the problem.

- Eric Favreau has been working with a surveyor regarding the elevation of his home to prove it is not in a flood zone so the flood maps may be amended. Mr. Favreau has given the town clerk documents of this survey and requested the Selectboard to do a letter of acceptance of the elevations to send to FEMA as well. Lisa also has requested an elevation map from NWRP to include. The board approved the letter done by the town clerk and signed it.
- Sand Shed loan bids were presented by the Town Clerk. Community National at 2.15%; Union Bank at 2.10%; and Merchants Bank at 2.75%. The board opted to use Community National as that is the bank we currently bank with. Will finalize once the permits are all in place for construction.

**Stop Sign and Traffic Ordinance:** Reviewed the ordinances for updates that have been made to stop signs at intersections that were not listed. Also adopt the state highway portions within town with reduced speed limits so the town may get the benefit of speeding tickets that may be issued.

- Rte. 120 (Main Street) from start of Main St at the top of the hill south of the village to the north end at intersection of Middle Rd/Gore Rd. with speed limit of 35 mph.
- Rte. 120 (Lake Road) from Patton Shore Rd to Gallup Road with speed limit of 35 mph.
- Dewing Shore Rd from Rte. 120 intersection to Rte. 236 intersection with speed limit of 25 mph.
- Review Rte. 120 (Lake Road) in East Franklin for possible speed restrictions.

#### **Old Business:**

- **Personal Policy:** discussion of overtime pay with a holiday within the week. Amend section 7 C) Overtime to read: Overtime shall be paid for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours per week. Holiday hours within the week will be considered as worked hours when calculating overtime during the Monday – Friday week days. Yvon/Peter made a motion to accept the amendment to the personal policy. All members vote in favor, motion passed.
- **Sand Shed:** The Selectboard reviewed the building permit and finalized the location with the map that was done by Cross Engineering. Will be presented to the Planning Commission at the April 16 meeting. Town Clerk asked to warn the selectboard as a meeting for that night as well.

#### **New Business:**

- Highway Financial Plan (state): reviewed the financial plan which is submitted to VTrans for assessing the state aid to highways that the town receives. Board accepts and signed the plan. The Board reviewed the VT Bridge and Road standards that must be accepted annually. The standards have been updated from 2011 by the State of VT as a result of all the recent flooding and road issues. Motion made by Yvon/Kyle for the board to accept and adopt the 2013 standards. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Standards signed by the board, a copy will be given to the Highway Dept.
- Dewing Shore Bridge: Kyle will meet with Rugiano Engineering on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 along with the concerned abutters to review the project. Kyle will verify the status of the necessary permits. When all permits are in place the RFP for contractors will be posted.

#### **Selectboard folder:**

- ZBA hearing notice for April 22 regarding Derek White's construction of a replacement camp.
- PACIF training for selectboard, road commissioners, foreman regarding monitoring of CDL drivers. The training is on April 25, Kyle would like to attend. Lisa will register him.
- State paving/structures grant funding sheets reviewed: Based on where we are on the list to receive paving grants this year, we are unlikely to receive any grant monies for paving. Jim Cota with District 8 advises to still submit a grant request application so they can show the state the need for additional funding.
- Tri-town board minutes from December approved at January meeting signed by Peter

**Member Concerns:**

- Kyle had received a complaint about log trucks traveling the roads being overweight; he spoke with the workers of the business and was advised their work was done for the season.
- Yvon attended a NWRP meeting in which Swanton board members were also present. They voiced continued concerns with the Highgate Arena project.

**Executive Session:** Pete/Andrew made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:25 regarding prayer issues with ACLU. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Motion made by Pete/Kyle to exit executive session at 9:32. All members voted in favor, motion passed.

Kyle/Yvon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Larivee, Town Clerk  
April 11, 2013

***These minutes are not official until approved at the Select board's next regular meeting.*** Approved by Selectboard on May 14, 2013.